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FROM AMBASSADOR WADSWORTH

Re DEPTEL 480 to Naples

I presented Purse to King Saud shortly after arrival Hotel Naples. He made effective presentation President's letter. King described it as "most gracious and welcome message, in keeping with our friendship".

I had already made arrangements for Purse to discuss details of program for King's visit. (EMBTEL 2977 to Rome) which he is now doing. There are still many wrinkles to be ironed out. He will report directly as soon as possible.

During flight Cairo-Naples yesterday, I was able review with His Majesty highlights schedule his first 3 days in Washington.

(1) All of suggested appointments were wholly agreeable to him, and details might be worked out as we wished, keeping in mind there would probably be other-"American friends and others"-whom he should see and talk with; so his schedule should leave ample time for unforeseen appointments.

(2) Important point made by King was that at one of his meetings with the President he would wish talk alone with President with only Mohamed present to interpret. King would wish talk off record, say somethings which should not (repeat not) be heard by counselors or anyone.

(3) King's attitude led me believe he was surprised and somewhat troubled by suggestion for visit UN on arrival New York City. He was visiting President and it would seem natural to him to make his first visit to President in Washington. If however President whose guest he was wished him accept UN invitation before

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before coming Washington, he would of course be guided by his host's wishes. He had instructed his Ambassador ascertain them from White House.

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